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1. In late July 1953 various wartime restrictions in Yŏnbaek-gun [redacted] were being lifted as a result of the armistice. Traffic regulations eased, and blackouts were discontinued. Freedom to travel anywhere required only a traveler's pass issued by the villages. Military conscription was discontinued. 50X1-HUM
2. Persons who had moved to dugouts in the mountains and open fields were returning to their bombed out homes and repairing them. In Haesong-myon, however, almost 50 percent of the population who had lost their homes during the war could not afford to leave their dugouts. 50X1-HUM
3. The markets in Yŏnan, Paekch'on, and Ch'ŏngdan [redacted] had increased their volume of business. [redacted] merchandise, formerly hidden, was sold openly on the market. Many new straw and wooden stalls were being built in the market areas. Illegal butchering of animals and distilling liquors had become commonplace.

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